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AND METHOD OF USE  
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In response to the outstanding NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
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hereby respectfully submits the following:

(1) a DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY document listing  
the names of each of the inventors, specifically identifying the  
application by serial number and filing date, and signed by the  
inventors, Frederic P. Field and Gregory E. Sancoff;

(2) a substitute set of drawings for the application, with  
appropriate margins in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84;

(3) a duplicate copy of the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED, as requested in the Notice; and

(4) one (1) check in the amount of \$85.00 to cover the surcharge for the late filing of the Declaration, this charge having been calculated on the basis of Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this submission, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.

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